

## **2018 Lobbyist Registration Audit of Courtney Atnip**

### **FINDING(S)**

1. **Courtney Atnip failed to timely register for three of her employers** (See Registrations section).

### **EMPLOYER(S)**

- AARP
- American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Inc.
- Charter Communications
- City of Memphis
- Forensic Medical Management Services, PLC
- Middle Tennessee Detention Center, LLC
- Sanorbix, LLC
- Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty / Tennessee Alliance for Severe Mental Illness Exclusion
- Tennessee Oncology Practice Society
- The Neuro-Spine Committee
- TN Assn. of Human Resource Agencies
- TN Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers
- TN Disability Coalition
- TN Immigrant & Refugee Rights Coalition
- TN Orthopaedic Society
- TN Public and Teaching Hospital Assn..
- Vanderbilt University
- Wayne Halfway House, Inc.

### **REGISTRATION(S)**

Courtney Atnip works for a firm which contracts to provide lobbying services for several clients. Ms. Atnip registered as a lobbyist for eighteen employers during 2018. Based on the audit documentation, Ms. Atnip timely registered her lobbying relationship with fifteen of her employers. The remaining relationships appear to have been registered late. The details of the late registrations are in the subsequent paragraph.

#### **Sanorbix, LLC**

The firm contracted with Sanorbix, LLC to provide lobbying services. The client was also a client for the firm in 2017. The contract for 2018 appears to establish a continuing lobbying relationship from the prior year, which would require registration by at least one member of the firm by January 8, 2018. Ms. Atnip appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement. Ms. Atnip registered for the client on January 11, 2018, 3 days late.

#### **Charter Communications**

The firm contracted with Charter Communications to provide lobbying services. The client appears to be a new client in 2018. The contract for 2018 appears to establish a continuing lobbying relationship from January 1, 2018, which would require registration by at least one member of the firm by January 8, 2018. Ms. Atnip appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement per her signature on the contract. Ms. Atnip registered for the client on January 22, 2018, 14 days late.

## TN Orthopaedic Society

The firm contracted with TN Orthopaedic Society to provide lobbying services. The client appears to be a new client in 2018. The contract had terms starting August 1, 2018, which appears to establish a lobbying relationship requiring registration. At least one member of the firm was required to register by August 8, 2018. Ms. Atnip appears to have been assigned to the client from the commencement per her signature on the contract and being the only firm member registered.. Ms. Atnip registered for the client on October 8, 2018, 61 days late.

Based on review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Ms. Atnip paid all registration fees.

## **LOBBYING AGREEMENT(S)**

Based on a review of the audit documentation provided by Courtney Atnip, she was a contracted lobbyist employed by a firm. The firm had written contracts or letters of understanding with each employer. The terms of the contracts appear to be within the statutes for lobbying activities including having no terms for contingency payments based on lobbying success.

## **FAMILY OR BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

Courtney Atnip reported she had no business or familial relationships with persons who were officials in the legislative branch or officials in the executive branch.

## **TRAINING**

Based on review of the Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance's lobbyist records, Courtney Atnip completed her required lobbyist training for the 2018 registration year and paid all training fees.